

A TRIBUTE TO THE PASADENA-
FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION OF RE-
ALTORS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors, (PFAR), which will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. For the past century, the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors has remained committed to its members and to its community.

Founded in 1907 as the Pasadena Realty Board dedicated to "promoting good fellowship and fair dealing within the industry," the association has grown in size from 26 members in 1908 to approximately 2400 members in 2007. In recent years, the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors has not only met their original objectives but has surpassed them, taking on projects both inside and outside the world of real estate and demonstrating through generosity and service what a tremendous asset it is to the community.

The Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors is comprised of many remarkable individuals who have served admirably in their communities including Warren Dorn and Jo Heckman. In 1955, at age 36, Mr. Dorn became the youngest mayor in Pasadena history and in 1956 was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The first female President of the Association in 1960 and the first woman elected to the Board of Directors in 1975, Ms. Heckman moved seamlessly to the realm of public service by becoming Pasadena's first female Mayor in 1980.

In keeping with their public minded traditions, PFAR made a large charitable contribution of \$2,100 to the Pasadena-Alhambra Community Chest in 1957. Since then, the association and its members have been active participants in many organizations throughout the greater Pasadena area. In the 1980s, programs such as "Thanksgiving Food to Needy Families," "Christmas Tournament of Toys," and "Adopt-A-School" were implemented. In 1999, in response to requests made by local teachers, PFAR founded the program "REALTORS for Music," donating boxes of sheet music and numerous instruments to public schools in the area. In 2002, the association sponsored a blood drive and also started the "REALTORS for Reading" program, which collected 2,000 books for area school libraries in its first year alone. In addition, PFAR raised \$86,000 in 2004, over \$100,000 in 2005 and \$116,000 in 2006 for local charities from popular events such as the Taste of Pasadena Festival and the Wreath Auction.

It is my pleasure to honor the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors on its 100th anniversary of dedicated service to the community. I ask all members to join me in commending their efforts.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT
HULAN D. GREAVES

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to MSgt Hulan D. Greaves as he retires from the Air Force. He has been assigned to Detachment 1, 345 Training Squadron at Port Hueneme since 2003 and currently serves as Alfa Company Gas Phase Head.

Master Sergeant Greaves was raised in Barbados and attended the Seventh Day Adventist School. In 1977, he came to the United States with his parents and resided in Brooklyn, NY, before joining the Air Force in 1986. Following his graduation from basic training, Greaves attended Technical Training School at Chaunte AFB, IL, and graduated as a General Purpose Vehicle Mechanic. After graduation, Sergeant Greaves was assigned to 27 Transportation Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM. After 2 years in New Mexico, he departed for Germany and was assigned to the 4th Air Support Operations Center, where he spent 4 years before relocating to Andersen AFB, Guam. Greaves then returned to Germany before he was assigned, in 1998, to Eglin AFB, FL to 16 Electronic Warfare Squadron as Vehicle Manager.

In April 2003, Master Sergeant Greaves was selected for instructor duty and reported to Port Hueneme, CA. Master Sergeant Greaves currently holds an Associate's Degree in Vehicle Maintenance from the Community College of the Air Force and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science from Troy State University in Troy, AL. He has completed course 12, NCO Academy and Airmen Leadership School. Master Sergeant Greaves' decorations include Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 oak clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak cluster, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award with 4 oak clusters, AF Good Conduct Medal with 1 silver oak leaf, National Defense Service Medal with 1 bronze star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 bronze star, Humanitarian Service Medal, AF Overseas Ribbon Short, AF Overseas Ribbon Long with 3 oak leaf clusters, AF Longevity Service with 3 oak leaf clusters, USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon with 2 oak leaf clusters and the AF Training Ribbon.

Madam Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to MSgt Hulan D. Greaves and thank him for his tireless dedication to our country and wish him the best in retirement.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANOINTED
VOICES' CONTRIBUTIONS TO
NEW YORK CITY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand today to recognize the inspirational and commendable work of Anointed Voices as part of the therapeutic ministries of the Bowery Mission in New York City and to enter into the record an article from the New York Times entitled "Recovering Addicts Sing of Faith and Hope."

Anointed Voices is an a cappella group, started in 2006, housed in the Bowery Mission: a faith based organization that serves the homeless, helps people fight their addictions to alcohol or drugs, and assists individuals with leading lives independent of substance abuse. It is considered one of New York City's most successful homeless shelters, providing compassionate and life-changing care to the city's most vulnerable populations.

The men who sing in the a cappella group were once homeless and struggling with addiction yet somehow found their way to the Mission. Their life stories reveal the power of faith and the power of individual will to overcome life's most challenging obstacles. They went from losing everything to becoming a voice of inspiration and encouragement to others. Anointed Voices sings in prisons and hospitals to the incarcerated, the youth, and the sick. Everyone who has had the pleasure and experience to hear their message has been both moved and impressed.

I am truly pleased to know that not only have these men turned their lives around, they are also empowering others to do the same.

AT THE BOWERY MISSION, SONGS OF FAITH AND
REDEMPTION

(By Dalton Walker)

Inside an empty chapel in Lower Manhattan, Dwight Walker stood with his back facing the empty rows of pews. His voice began to rise with songs that included words like faith, found and lost. Five other men joined him.

"The storm is passing over—have faith in the Lord," Mr. Walker sang in the sanctuary at the Bowery Mission.

The six men are known as Anointed Voices, an a cappella group that sings and preaches in churches, in hospitals, before youth groups and in prisons.

Theirs is a small tale of redemption—of how hard work, willpower and faith can sometimes lead people away from lives of desolation. All were homeless at some point, struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. All forged a new path at the Bowery Mission, a faith-based organization that serves the homeless.

"The message is, no matter where you come from, there is a place God has given you," said James Macklin, 67, a member of Anointed Voices and director of outreach for the mission. "The only thing one has to do is mine for this goal and make a human being all he can be."

In 2004, Ien Williams, 46, lost everything to his cocaine addiction: his marriage, his truckdriving business and his home in Queens. He carried his possessions in two suitcases through the streets of Manhattan.

Someone told him about the Bowery Mission, and though he was wary of its emphasis on Christianity, he decided he had nothing to lose by going there. Spending time there helped him beat his addiction, he said, and now Mr. Williams lives at the mission, on the Bowery near Rivington Street, where he is in charge of housekeeping duties. The other singers call him "the minister" because of his preaching.

"For me, it's a total worship experience," Mr. Williams said. "I sense the presence of God. This is where I'm safe."

The life stories of the other singers—Eugene Chisholm, Dennis Ogarrá and Carroll Baylor—are strikingly similar to Mr. Williams's. Three of the six live at the mission, while the others have found their own places.

Mr. Ogarrá helped found Anointed Voices in 2006 and recruited Mr. Walker and Mr. Williams. The others joined soon after.